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Subject: FYI: EPA Q & A RE Warm Springs Safe Drinking Water Challenges

Andrew,

Kris Carre is the TC that works with Warm Springs, in case you want more extensive background. Wenona has also been engaged in the effort. They both rock!

From: MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
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Subject: EPA Q & A RE Warm Springs Safe Drinking Water Challenges

Emily: Thank you for the good discussion this afternoon.....Please contact me if more questions arise. Also: based on today's conversation and just to be clear, the Safe Drinking Water Act's rules and requirements are not suspended or waived as a result of a boil-water notice. MM

Q: What technical and financial assistance is being provided by EPA in the past 60 days?

- EPA issued SDWA Orders and jointly organized a "funding summit" to coordinate federal funding from various agencies. Multiple agencies, organizations and representatives have stepped forward to work collaboratively to identify funding and other resources for the tribe. Over 60 people convened for the June 12 summit, and multiple action-oriented subcommittees were formed. A follow up summit is scheduled to occur in August.
- As part of the SDWA orders, EPA is speaking weekly with the tribal utilities staff and monthly site visits with tribal leadership to improve communication and coordinate priority actions under the order.
- Separately, the Indian Health Service has also provided on-site training and technical assistance, linked with an interagency agreement from EPA.
- The June "funding summit" has also resulted in a HUD "imminent threat" grant to assist with immediate needs (line breaks) associated with the current boil water notice.

- Distribution system construction expected to be completed by contractors in early August. Confirmation sampling then expected to be delivered to EPA in mid-August. Boil water notice could potentially be lifted by mid to late August. Alternate water and boil water notice will remain in place until then. Warm Springs will be using HUD grants to recoup their costs for this work.
- Warm Springs utilities have been focused on stabilizing the distribution system. Accordingly, they have yet to meet certain SDWA requirements including additional planning to maintain an alternate water supply and other technical and contracting processes. Tribe has taken steps towards advancing this work.
- Soon after system stabilization, Warm Springs will need to focus on what's called the "120-day engineering assessment." Warm Springs has funding for this assessment, and EPA understands it will be performed by PDG, same firm that did the distribution system stabilization work.
- EPA will be on site again for the monthly Tribal Council briefing on August 12. At that point, EPA will also do a walk through to see status of distribution system work and review progress under the orders generally.

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